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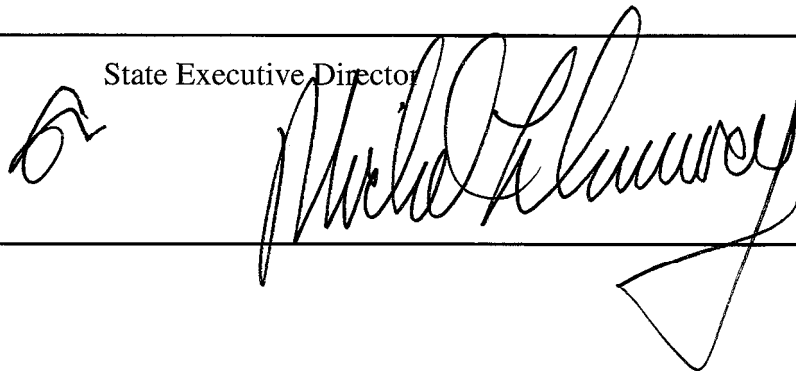
ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-108

For: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1472

Approved by:

State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective June 6, 2003, President Bush declared the following Counties in Arkansas a Major disaster. This action is based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding, that occurred from May 2 through June 10, 2003.

Disposal

August 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

07/10/2003

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2 Action (Continued)

Those counties are:

Chicot	Cross	Newton	Van Buren
Cleburne	Independence	Perry	White
Conway	Jackson	Poinsett	Woodruff
Craighead	Madison	St. Francis	

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Ashley	Drew	Lawrence	Pulaski
Benton	Faulkner	Lee	Saline
Boone	Franklin	Lonoke	Searcy
Carroll	Garland	Mississippi	Sharp
Crawford	Greene	Monroe	Stone
Crittenden	Izard	Pope	Washington
Desha	Johnson	Prairie	Yell

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through February 6, 2004 and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded M1472.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is May 2, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

File in chronological order preceding 3-FLP.

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Exhibit 1

Farm

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NEWS

United States

Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., June 6, 2003 -- President Bush declared a Presidential Major Disaster in Arkansas for the following counties. This action is based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from May 2 through June 10, 2003.

Chicot	Cross	Newton	Van Buren
Cleburne	Independence	Perry	White
Conway	Jackson	Poinsett	Woodruff
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The following counties are also eligible because they are contiguous to the disaster declared counties:

Ashley	Drew	Lawrence	Pulaski
Benton	Faulkner	Lee	Saline
Boone	Franklin	Lonokey	Searcy
Carroll	Garland	Mississippi	Sharp
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Farmers in the disaster area have until February 6, 2004, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.